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SUBJECT: GECAMINES EXPANSION, US TEAM VISIT

REF: LUBUMBASHI 121

1. CONSULATE TODAY RECEIVED FROM GECAMINES REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS, ADDRESSED TO FLUOR, KAISER, MCKEE, DRAVO AND PARSONS JURDEN, RE CONSTRUCTION SIX MAJOR MODULES IN EXPANSION PLAN: ELECTROLYTIC REFINERY, CONCENTRATOR, OXYGEN AND SULFURIC ACID PLANTS, COAL/COKE PROCESSOR, AND SULFUR CONCENTRATES PLANT. DOSSIER FOR EACH MODULE CONTAINS TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS DEEMED "ESSENTIAL" BY COMPANY. REQUEST IS FOR RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS BY 18 APRIL.

2. SAME REQUESTS BEING DISTRIBUTED CONCURRENTLY TO UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF OTHER US AND FOREIGN FIRMS. THESE COPIES GIVEN US IN HOPES THEY MIGHT BE PUT IN HANDS OF TEAM MEMBERS (REFTEL) FOR FAMILIARIZATION PRIOR ARRIVAL IN LUBUMBASHI. PRESUME TEAM DEPARTING US ABOUT BUT NOT LATER THAN MARCH 22: IMPOSSIBLE TO GET DOSSIERS THERE BEFORE THAT DATE. THEREFORE CONSULATE WILL HOLD FOR DELIVERY EITHER IN KINSHASA OR HERE, DEPENDING ON WHETHER TEAM STOPS IN KINSHASA FIRST.

3. PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAS SIGNED LAW AUTHORIZING EXPANSION
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PLAN, THUS PERMITTING DISTRIBUTION OF REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS.

GEAMINES DIRGEN UMBA RETURNED LUBUMBASHI OVER WEEKEND TO GIVE GREEN LIGHT BUT IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO KINSHASA WHERE THIS WEEK AND POSSIBLY PART OF NEXT WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH SGM NEGOTIATIONS AND SIGNATURES OF ACCORD, THEREBY LIKELY AFFECTING SCHEDULE OF US TEAM. UMBA SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THIS WEEKEND THAT TEAM BRIEFINGS START WITH HIM, EITHER HERE OR IN KINSHASA. JUNIOR

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